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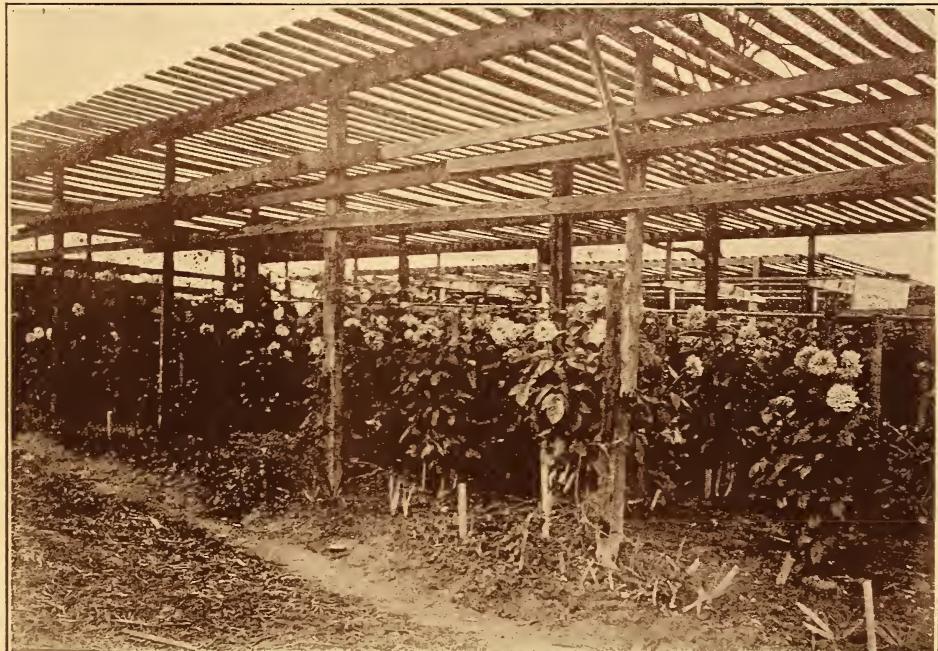
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The Annual Dahlia Show

The Annual Dahlia Show of our section, which is always held at the Missouri Botanical Garden, was held at a date too early for the Dahlia growers of this section to do justice to this most worthy flower. Our stock not being in shape we preferred to not enter rather than to enter with blossoms that would not do the dahlia justice.

Two weeks later the Garden Club of Webster Groves, Mo., held a Dahlia Show that did justice to the flower and showed to great credit what was possible to do with the dahlia. Our exhibit covering 100 square feet played a prominent part in this show. Many of the flowers that were exhibited were the finest by far that has ever been displayed in this section and indeed would do justice to any dahlia exhibit. No awards were offered. This show will likely be heard from in a larger way another year.

The regular Annual Dahlia Show of St. Louis, will likely take place in the later part of the second week in October at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Dahlias grown under Slat Frame

The picture on front page is a view of Dahlias growing under one of our slat frames. We have been experimenting with dahlias growing in partial shade partly with the thought in mind of getting good exhibition flowers earlier in the season. We will tell you about this fully, perhaps next year. Some have said they would not bloom, from the picture it looks as if they would. We had some wonderful plants and marvelous flowers last year, hope to do better this year.



Don't Read This

—Unless you are interested in Spiritual Truths



Why is it that man, beast and everything that has life, fight to the bitter end to retain that life but finally succumb to it? If God gave life and created in everything that possesses life an intense desire to retain life and has made no provision whereby this desire may be gratified, there must be something wrong, is it with God or man?

Why is it that we have so many differences of opinion on the religious question, so many denominations and doctrines? Are all right? Or is it possible that all are wrong? If not, who are right and which are right?

Why did God forsake Jesus on the Cross to that extent that caused him to cry out with that wailing cry from within his very innermost being, "My God! My God!, Why has thou forsaken me?"

—Mark 15:34.

Why did Jesus curse the fig tree because it had no figs on it when the account plainly states that the reason that there were no figs was because it was not the proper season for figs?

—Mark 11:12-14.

Why does man teach us that we have to die and go through the grave to get our reward in heaven when Jesus says nothing about such a plan, but on the other hand when he was here in bodily form waged a tremendous warfare aganist death and the conditions that produce death and made provisions for his followers, you and I, to continue this warfare?

Are the hospitals, asylums and other institutions of mercy, education and so on a product of the true church or a sign of her being in a proper relationship with God or are they a sign of a lack of faith in God and lack of obedience to the teachings and commands of Christ?

What is the proper interpretation of the New Birth? When is the New Birth completed? Is this question sufficiently important to justify any special concern? Does man's interpretation of the New Birth harmonize with the requirements of Jesus of one that is born again?

Are the evidences of the Kingdom of God being at hand as convincing today as they were when Jesus announced the Kingdom of God being at hand?

Why did Jesus say to Mary, "Touch Me not", and to Thomas, "Touch Me"? What took place between the two incidents?

—John 20:16, 17, 26, 27.

Why did the Jews so bitterly oppose Jesus and reject him and finally have him crucified? Is it possible for us to get a lesson out of this that would apply to the Christian world today?

John the Baptist was to his dispensation what Who is to ours?

The Holy Ghost was to the coming of Jesus into the world the first time what Who is to his second coming?

What caused Jesus to weep at the tomb of Lazarus?

—John 11:35.

What was the Rock on which Jesus proposed to build his church?

—Matt. 16:13-18.

What was man put on earth for since from the beginning of life to its end there is a continual struggle, a desperate fight for existence? He literally kills himself trying to live.

Why did the swine rush for the water when the devils were cast out of the man and entered into them?

—Matt. 8:28-32.

If you are interested in a discussion of these questions we will be glad to send you a tract or tracts dealing with them.

Our aim is to find out what our possibilities in God are through the atonement of Christ and having found out attain to them.

Respectfully,

Yours in the interest of truth in the absolute.

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“Say it with Flowers”

AND DAHLIAS ARE GOOD FLOWERS TO SAY IT WITH

Greetings to Flower Lovers in General and Dahlia Lovers in Particular

We are glad to greet our flower loving friends again. It is with added enthusiasm that we bring to you this our 1928 catalogue and cultural guide.

Our season last year in the early part bid fair to be the most ideal Dahlia season the Middlewest had ever seen. The plants made a most ideal growth until about the time for them to begin blooming, then the extreme hot, dry weather set in and all but cooked the growth that had been so promising and it was only with the most liberal use of the knife and hoe that we were able to tide them over and hold them in readiness for good flowers when the more favorable season arrived, about the end of September. After this time the weather became more suitable and our efforts were crowned with success and the flowers that greeted us enabled us to forget all of our past difficulties.

Again our method of late planting demonstrated its wisdom where the best flowers were sought for. It was hard for the many visitors to our farms to believe that the finest flowers by far were grown on plants that were produced from bulbs that had not been planted before the last of July.

Allow us to express our gratitude for the hearty co-operation of our friends and wish for you a most prosperous and enjoyable year with your flowers.

Soliciting your future good will and patronage, we are,

Very truly yours,

Missouri Dahlia Farms Co., Inc.

F. M. DAVIS, President

TULIPS

There is comparatively few people that know much about the different varieties and classes of this most gorgeous flower that plays so prominent a part in the early spring in gladdening our hearts after a long and dreary winter. We have put forth a special effort to have on display at our place this spring a very large collection of these charming flowers. Our planting consists of more than 100 varieties including several different classes, over 50,000 bulbs in all.

Make it your business, if possible, to come and see them when in bloom. Our fall list will include these for fall planting.

General Information and Instructions

We shall endeavor to deal with the different questions of interest regarding the Dahlia and other subjects under their respective heads as fully as space will permit.

CAN GOOD DAHLIAS BE GROWN IN THE MIDDLE WEST?

While this question has been answered in the affirmative in a very effective way to the many enthusiastic Dahlia fanciers there are still a few that are skeptical as to the possibilities of this great flower in this locality.

When the dahlia is at its height of glory, a glimpse into the garden of one of our most enthusiastic amateur growers, where blossoms as large as a plate on stems four to six feet long would greet you in great profusion, would settle for ever the doubts of the most skeptical and make a dahlia fan out of you against your own will.

CAN DAHLIAS BE GROWN IN THE CROWDED DISTRICTS OF THE CITY?

The impression generally has been that they cannot. Many of the prize winning dahlias exhibited in the amateur section of the Dahlia Show held at the Missouri Botanical Garden were grown in the back yards of people living in the crowded section of St. Louis. Many of our customers living in the crowded districts have excellent success.

How To Grow Good Dahlias

PREPARING OF THE SOIL. Great attention should be given to this part of the work. If possible begin in the Fall. If your soil is heavy clay a liberal amount of coal ashes or sand would be very beneficial if scattered broadcast. If you had enough to mix thoroughly with your soil to the depth of 12 or 15 inches you would not have too much.

Several years ago I planted a lot in Dahlias, one end of which had been a dumping place for cinders. The best flowers by far that I grew on this ground were in the cinders and we grew some good ones. Any roughage such as clippings from the lawn, leaves, weeds, or anything of the kind is excellent matter to turn under in the Fall. This has a tendency to loosen the soil as well as to enrich it. Spade your ground from 12 to 18 inches deep, leaving it in the rough for the Winter. If your ground is poor a good plan would be to spread a liberal covering of manure, preferably cow manure, on top before spading up the ground. In the Spring, as soon as the ground is sufficiently dry, stir it again by spading to the depth of the spade or fork. This done several times before planting time will be an effort well put forth.

TIME TO PLANT. Dahlias may be planted any time after danger of frost is past up to July 15th with fairly good results. We advocate and strongly advise not planting, especially in localities similar to ours, before June 1st. If you have been in the habit of planting early, try late planting and keep your plants growing and watch the results.

LOCATION. Dahlias prefer full sunlight and a high location, the higher the better. Special attention should be given to keep them away from large trees and not too close to heavy shrubbery, however this may be counteracted to a large degree by liberal watering and feeding.

Shading from a portion of the day's sun by buildings or fences may not be objectionable and in some cases may work a benefit, especially with some varieties. I am not so sure but what such a location is ideal, especially in preference to putting them on the south side of a brick wall where the sun may beat down upon them without any protection at all.

I do not like to see them crowded up with other plants where you do not have a chance to stir the ground. You had better sacrifice everything but the hoe.

HOW TO PLANT. When planting time comes, which should be from about June 1st to 15th (for further information see under heading "Time to Plant"), see that ground is thoroughly pulverized, then open the furrow or 'hill' where bulb is to be placed to a depth, sufficient to enable you, after fertilizer has been placed and covered, to cover the bulb with from four to six inches of soil or sand. A 4-inch pot of pulverized sheep or cow manure and a handful of bone meal mixed together and placed in the bottom and scattered around where bulb is to be placed, being careful that some soil or sand is placed over the fertilizer that the bulb does not come in contact with it, will prove an excellent booster and give the plant a good start. Place the bulb flat with eye up, never stand on end, and cover with loose soil. If sand is handy cover with sand. If your ground is heavy clay perhaps 4 inches of covering would be better.

The distance apart to plant will depend upon the results you are working for. If you want high-class flowers plant from 3 to 4 feet apart each way, if ordinary flowers, plant from 2 to 2½ feet apart in the rows and rows 3½ feet apart, for massive effect plant about 1½ feet apart in the rows and the rows 3 or 3½ feet apart and if planted in a bed where you would ordinarily want the solid effect plant about 2 feet each way.

STAKING. The tall growing varieties require staking, those that grow over 3½ feet, except where you want the massive effect in which case do not stake. It is always wise to stake the extremely tall growing varieties, those that usually grow from 5 to 7 feet high, although in our fields, for the main part, there were no stakes and those of you that were privileged to see them blooming well remember the sight, both as to quality of flower and size. Where staking is done it is well to do it at planting time, before the bulb is covered or place your bulb in such a position that you know how it is laying so that when it comes up you may place your stake without injury to the bulb.

We make a practice of placing all of our bulbs with eye to the east where rows run east and west and to the south where they run the other way.

The length of the stake of course will depend upon the height of the plant. This too depends to a large extent, on the treatment of the plant, both as to the system of growing and to the amount of feeding. The approximate height of the plant is given in figures just after the price, this is based on ordinary treatment. We have had plants to grow more than 8 feet where ordinarily they would only grow 5 to 6 feet.

CULTIVATION. Thorough working of the soil is most important. You had better leave off all of the other preparations than to neglect cultivation. Many marvel at the condition of our fields and frequently ask what we put in the soil to keep weeds from growing. The hoe and plow were the only applications and they were thoroughly applied.

Just as soon as sprouts appear above the ground begin working the soil and keep this up until the plant begins to bloom.

In working the soil care should be taken to not disturb the root. We believe in deep cultivation away from the plant, especially in the early part of their growth, later as the plant begins to take on considerable growth special care should be taken to not get too close with deep cultivation.

If convenient, after plant begins to bloom, give a liberal mulch of straw or cuttings from the lawn, this will hold moisture and keep the ground in good condition.

FEEDING THE PLANT. To produce the best of flowers an additional stimulant may be applied by preparing a liquid from pulverized sheep or cow manure placed in a sack and put in a tub or barrel filled with water, a sufficient amount to color the water to about the consistency of strong tea. An application of this beginning with about 3 gallons and increasing gradually to about 6 or 8 gallons to a plant may be applied about once a week. Open the ground about 12 inches from plant all around it, apply the liquid in this trench and fill in again when soaked in. This liquid may also be made with fresh cow manure which is excellent. Take 3 shovels full to a barrel of water (50 gallon), thoroughly stir and apply at once, use about as directed for the sheep manure. The strength of this may be increased as the plant increases in growth.

All of this special care is necessary only when you are working for special quality of flowers. The main part of our fields receive nothing of this kind, just treated as you would potatoes, but thoroughly worked. The average party does not care to go to so much trouble.

I wish to emphasize that the Dahlia will produce more fine flowers than any other plant you could possibly grow with the least possible care. Work your ground good at the beginning, keep the ground well stirred through the growing season and you will get plenty flowers, the size will depend, as a rule, upon the variety planted.

TREATMENT OF THE PLANT. Under this heading much may be said if space would permit as many plants need treatment according to their habits, however, a few simple rules will apply to all.

When the plant first comes up and grows to several inches, perhaps has formed its second or third sets of leaves, if more than one sprout appears remove all but the strongest. Place the hand on the ground to hold it solid, gently pull the remaining sprouts away, if you have trouble pulling them out cut them just under the ground and form your bush from the one left.

If you desire to keep your plants from growing too tall or if you wish to encourage the massive habit of growth pinch out the center of the plant just above the second or third sets of leaves, this will encourage the plant to branch out. These branches or laterals will form your flowers.

If you are working for exhibition flowers let only one bud form on each branch or lateral, removing all the rest as they appear. If ordinary flowers are wanted and plenty of them let these laterals grow until they form their first buds. If this first bud is pinched out when it first appears this will encourage the other laterals or branches that spring from the first branches to produce a more rapid growth. This will give you an abundance of flowers with fairly good stems. The suckers or laterals that form on these second sets of branches may all be removed down to just above the first set of leaves where it joins the main branch from which it came, leaving one flower to the stem. These remaining suckers or branches should be left for later blooms. When the flower is fully open cut it off just above these remaining branches which should have made considerable growth by this time. This way your blooming season may be prolonged until frost.

If you desire earlier flowers and a taller bush do not pinch out the center of your young plant, but let the entire of it grow, I mean the one shoot from the ground, others having been removed as suggested above. When this shoot forms its first bud pinch it out, this will encourage the laterals to come forth and the work of disbudding should be followed out as suggested under the above method.

TYING UP THE PLANT. As soon as the plant has made about a foot of growth is a good time to start tying. Do not draw the stem too close to the stake, bear in mind that the stem will develop in size and if tied too tight would cause injury to the plant. Care should be taken to follow up the tying as the plant grows or injury from the wind may occur. A large plant, well tied, will stand a remarkable lot of wind without injury.

WATERING. This should not be attempted, as a rule, until the plant has made considerable growth except in extreme dry weather, in such case be careful. A little moisture will start your plant to growing, frequent hoeing had better be resorted to rather than watering in the early stages of growth. After the buds begin to form is the logical time to begin watering.

Do your watering thoroughly about once a week. Care should be taken to stir the ground thoroughly after each watering just as soon as the ground becomes sufficiently dry, never before otherwise your soil will become caked and more injury will be done with the water than good. If you have no over head arrangement for watering, a good plan is to dig a trench around each plant or along the row where they may be close together sufficiently large to hold considerable water, especially so when the plants are large. Give them a good soaking and fill in the trench with soil after the water has soaked in. After extremely hot days your plants will be greatly refreshed if a sprinkling of the foliage is resorted to. A frequent wetting of the surface of the ground is not advisable.

We do no watering at all except on a few specimen plants and we get the flowers and plenty of them, but, we do cultivate and we do not want you to forget it.

WHY DO I GET SUCH LARGE BUSHES AND NO FLOWERS?

This is a question frequently asked and a trouble that many are familiar with. Several things may produce this effect. Often you get buds that do not open, some open one sided and you often become discouraged as a result. In most cases the trouble comes from too early planting. Many times planting is done in April and early May, at that season we usually have plenty moisture and suitable growing weather, your plant makes a rank growth, perhaps buds begin to form and hot, dry weather sets in and the plant stops growing. The wood becomes hardened, the buds blasted and no flowers.

Just remember that a Dahlia will not bloom on hard wood, in such cases a good plan would be to cut the plant back to the ground, keep your ground well worked and new growth will again start. From this growth form your plant over again. As a rule let only one of these new sprouts grow except where you want long stems and large flowers, in this case it might be well to let several grow and keep them clean of all other growth and buds. In case this occurs in later part of August or first of September a better plan would be to remove the buds that have formed and allow new ones to take their place thus prolonging the season to when growing conditions would be more favorable. We have practiced this to a very great success up to late September.

You may have the same trouble from a lack of cultivation. Anything that has a tendency to check the growth will produce this trouble. Best and most flowers on a Dahlia bush are produced when you keep your plant steadily growing from the start and especially boost it along about the time buds begin to form.

COLOR VARIATIONS

Please note that many things may cause the color of the flower to vary, such as hot, dry weather, compared to cool, moist weather; loose, pliable soil compared to heavy, sticky soil; and poor soil compared to rich soil. Often times these different conditions cause the color of the flower to vary considerably with one party compared to the same flower with another party and also one year compared with another with the same parties.

HARVESTING AND STORING THE BULBS

When the frost has killed the plant, it should be cut down, then at leisure, before the ground freezes, the bulbs should be dug; care taken to not break the bulbs from the clump. A bulb broken off of the stock is of no use. After they have dried off for an hour or two the soil should be removed and the clump packed in a box, barrel, or bin, covered with shavings, sand, or dry soil. If there is heat in the basement or where the bulbs are kept, care should be taken to cover them well with soil or sand to prevent their drying out.

A good plan is to take a box or barrel, place soil in the bottom, carefully lay clumps upside down to within a few inches of the top and fill in with dry dirt or sand, letting same fill in around the roots.

DIVIDING THE CLUMP

Do not plant as dug.

In the Spring when planting time comes divide to one or two roots to a plant, being sure to have at least one eye to each plant.

One sound root with an eye is sufficient, remember the eye does not come down on the root but where it joins the old stock.

Frequently before planting time the eyes develop into sprouts of considerable length, these should be removed with a sharp knife to within about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of the bulb. Sometimes we find it necessary to do this a time or two before we plant. This can be done without any injury whatever to the bulb and is better than planting with long sprouts.

NOTICE

A word regarding the varieties of Dahlias that we list.

In submitting for your consideration these varieties:

We do not claim to have all of the best to be had but we do feel that we have a fairly good collection of varieties to select from. There are many of the old varieties that are especially worthy of first place in many catalogues that pass them over with perhaps a mere mentioning of them and give the prominence they deserve to newer varieties of less merit.

You will note that in our catalogue we have given prominence to some of the old varieties. We have done so because we have grown them for several years and have found them very satisfactory. Have tried out many new varieties designed to take their place but with us they have not stood the test and the old variety remains at the head when it comes to quality of flowers, profuseness of blooming and ability to stand the hardships of an unfavorable season.

Many of these forgotten varieties have produced marvelously in unfavorable seasons when many others that are supposed to be better have proved total failures.

After all we are looking for the varieties that will not fail us in seasons that are not ordinarily encouraging for the Dahlia. In most cases we have a large stock of these varieties and are able to furnish them in large quantities. We have many varieties in small numbers that we have not listed and are in touch with all of the Dahlia specialists all over the country so can likely procure for you anything to be had that you may desire that we do not list. In such case give us ample time to get in touch with the other party.

A further word of explanation regarding the varieties we offer and their descriptions. Many of the descriptions are those given by the introducers. With the exception of a few new varieties all have been tried out on our farm and proved to have merits in this locality.

BULBS NOT FORCED

Our Dahlias are grown on high ground in clay soil and are not forced, but grown naturally and therefore are in better condition to give you the best results possible. Neither do we practice forcing our bulbs for propagating purposes which is a detriment to them. The only method of propagation that we practice is by division of the clump, except in a few cases where we propagate by using the young sprouts that are necessary to be removed before planting.

The many commendable reports that we receive from our customers from all over the country indicate that our bulbs have given them perfect satisfaction and we are sure they will prove the same to you.

TIME OF SHIPMENTS

Our regular shipping time begins May 1st as our aim is to get the bulbs to you about planting time, however, we will ship as near as possible on the date you suggest.

SHIPMENTS PREPAID

We prepay all shipping charges, excepting where noted, on orders taken at catalogue prices where the order amounts to \$1.00 or more. Where the order amounts to less than \$1.00, 10c extra should be sent to cover postage and packing.

PACKING

We make no charges for packing where the order amounts to \$1.00 or more. See under the head of Shipments prepaid.

All orders are securely packed and should reach you in perfect condition.

FILLING ORDERS

All orders are filled under our personal supervision and the utmost care is taken to see that this is done accurately, but mistakes do happen with the best of us. If such should occur notify us promptly and we will gladly correct the error.

SUBSTITUTION

Our purpose is to send you what you want. Give us a chance by telling us in place of the other fellow, if an error should occur.

It is always well in ordering to name a second choice in case we are out of what you want.

We do not aim to substitute without your consent.

With your consent we will always give as good or better than the variety named.

MAY WE NOT MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS FOR YOU?

To those who are not acquainted with the different varieties: If they will tell us about what colors they prefer, how many they want, and how much they want to spend, we will do our best to satisfy them. As a rule, customers are more frequently better satisfied this way than to make their own selection.

OUR GUARANTEE

We guarantee every bulb, root or plant sent out to be true to name and color, and also to be in growing condition when received, after which our responsibility ceases. Please notify at once if anything is unsatisfactory, when received, or any bulb or tuber does not start to grow after planted a reasonable time.

Let it be understood that we are not to be held liable, should an error occur, for more than the original price paid for the bulbs, plants or other merchandise ordered from us.

A SPECIAL INVITATION

Our place is open to visitors at any time of the year and they are always welcome, we are glad to welcome them and give any information that we can that may be of interest.

During the blooming season great crowds of people visit our fields and enjoy the wonderful display of flowers. If you have never visited a large field of blooming Dahlias you have missed a great treat. Many come just to enjoy looking at the flowers and they enjoy it, so will you. It was estimated in 1924 that on one day 15,000 people visited our fields. We had no way of finding out just how many there were but there was a great crowd.

REFERENCES

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NOTICE!

Please note that the figures at the right-hand side of the page indicate the approximate height of the plant.

A star (*) preceding a variety indicates that with us that Dahlia was found to possess special merits and we highly recommend them to those looking for the best.

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

FIRST OF ALL. Do not delay in making out your order and getting it to us as early as possible. Many varieties will be exhausted early in the season. A delay may mean a disappointment.

USE THE ORDER BLANK. Be sure to fill in all the blanks, giving full name and address plainly. So frequently we get orders that are indeed a puzzle, most impossible to make out the name, some with no address at all. Save time by being careful.

REMITTANCE. Remittance should accompany the order. Where bulbs are to be sent C. O. D., one-fourth the amount should accompany the order.

You may remit any way convenient to yourself. Make checks payable to Missouri Dahlia Farms Co., Inc. If your order amounts to less than \$1.00 you may send stamps, one or two cent denominations.

HOW TO TREAT BULBS ON RECEIVING THEM. When you receive the bulbs, if you are not ready to plant, open up the package, place them in a box, covering them with soil or sand to keep them from drying out. Do not keep too moist, neither do they want to shrivel. Keep them away from furnace heat and from sun.

The better way is to have your bulbs sent about the time for planting.

We begin shipping May 1st unless otherwise instructed. Will ship as you direct.

SIZE OF THE BULBS. Many varieties never make large bulbs, therefore some bulbs may be small. However, this makes no difference as a small bulb with a good eye is just as good as a large one.

We always send out the best bulbs possible.

The prices in this catalogue cancell all previous prices.

SPECIAL DAHLIA OFFERS

SPECIAL OFFER No. 1

1 Mina Burgle	\$.50
1 Kalish White.....	.50
1 Frank A. Walker.....	.50
1 Mr. C. H. Dresselhuis.....	.50
Catalogue Price	\$2.00
Special Price Prepaid.....	\$1.50

SPECIAL OFFER No. 2

1 Jack Rose Red.....	\$.25
1 Queen of Autumn.....	.35
1 Perle de Lyon.....	.40
1 Grand Exhibition50
1 Floral Park Jewell.....	.35
1 Autumn Perfection75
Catalogue Price	\$2.60
Special Price Prepaid.....	\$2.00

ASSORTED MIXED DAHLIAS

We have a large quantity of these on hand and will give you the advantage of our surplus.

SPECIAL OFFER No. 3

General Mixed	\$1.00 per Doz., \$6.00 per 100
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SPECIAL OFFER No. 4

Also have them assorted as to color as follows: Red, Pink, White, Yellow and Varigated.	\$1.00 per Doz., \$6.00 per 100
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SPECIAL OFFER No. 5

We have a large collection of Single and Duplex Dahlias in general mixture of a wide range of coloring.	\$1.00 per Doz., \$6.00 per 100
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If interested in larger quantities of any of these write us.

If you have extra space and want some cheap flowers this is an opportunity to get them at a sacrifice price.

No order for less than \$1.00 accepted for these, except in addition to other orders, in such case $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen may be selected at dozen rate.

CACTUS DAHLIAS

The Cactus Dahlia will always be a favorite class with many people because of its unique formation of petals, which makes it look like a chrysanthemum. The petals are long, narrow, pointed, twisted, or fluted. The hybrid cactus is becoming popular; it is a large bold flower, of broader petalage than the regular cactus type.

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BALLET GIRL. White shading to orange; sometimes the blooms come solid orange. This is one of the best Cactus of true English type raised in America. The plant is a great bloom producer and a first class variety for exhibition purposes.

Price \$1.00—4 to 5 ft.



COUNTESS OF LONSDALE

COUNTESS OF LONSDALE. This is one of the old varieties with merits lacking in many of the newer varieties that have been crowded to the front. There are few varieties that will produce as many perfect, large flowers as Lonsdale; it will blossom under conditions that cause many other varieties to become total failures; good stems, low compact grower, good foliage, an excellent keeper; these qualities combined with its attractive coloring make it a most profitable variety for florists' use. An excellent garden variety. Color, an exquisite shade of rich salmon with faint tinge of apricot at the base of petals.

Price 50c—2 to 3 ft.

CACTUS DAHLIAS—Continued

CARR'S PINK. A beautifully formed flower; perfect cactus type; free flowering; medium size. Excellent for cutting on account of its beautiful coloring and excellent keeping qualities. Price 75c—4 to 5 ft.

CIGARETT, HYBRID CACTUS. This distinct and novel Dahlia has attracted wide attention. In color it is creamy white, heavily edged with pomegranate red, but it varies greatly, no two flowers being exactly alike. The petals are long and inclined to roll, forming a large, deep, well-shaped flower of great substance on very long stems of best quality. Price \$1.50—4 to 5 ft.

CONQUEST. Rich garnet with maroon shadings. One of the best dark fine quilled cactus varieties. Free and early. Price 75c—4 to 5 ft.

CORONA LEO, HYBRID CACTUS. This is one of the most perfectly formed flowers grown. Color, a rich flame. Large size; stem is most desirable, holding the flower perfectly erect. An excellent cut flower variety; holds its own on the exhibition table and is most attractive in the garden. Price \$1.00—4 to 5 ft.

***DADDY BUTLER, HYBRID CACTUS.** An immense flower of truest form for exhibition, and a good cut-flower. A most unusual blending of colors, American Beauty shades or rosy carmine, and the reverse of the beautifully twisted and rolled petals of a lighter tint, giving a variation of color. The stem is perfect, and the bush is always covered with large, perfect blooms, which last for days when cut. Price \$1.50—3 to 3½ ft.

ETENDARD DE LYON, HYBRID CACTUS. Everyone admires this beautiful rich royal purple. The flowers are distinct in shape from all others, with broad, curling, wavy petals which form a flower 6 inches in diameter and 4 inches deep, a large flower, yet without any stiffness or formality; sometimes comes with open center. Price 75c—4 ft.

FIELD MARSHALL. A very large Hybrid Cactus. A most beautiful coloring of deep lemon yellow. Frequently comes with open center. Price 50c—4 ft.

FRANCIS LOBDELL. Flowers large and of perfect form, mallow pink shading to white in the center. Wonderfully free bloomer, splendid bedding variety as well as exhibition. Price \$1.50—4 ft.

F. W. FELLOWS. One of the very best Cactus varieties ever raised, with flowers of unusual size for the long narrow petaled type of which this is one of the finest representatives. In color it is a deep flame with deeper suffusion at the center; no collection of Dahlias is complete without it. Price 75c—4 ft.

GALATEA. This dahlia won the Gold Medal in 1923 for the best six blooms of a three-year-old seedling at the show given by the Dahlia Society of California. The large blooms are composed of long, wavy, narrow petals; are held on long, straight stems and are of a soft yellow color with a suffusion of pink on the outer petals. It holds its center until the end. Price \$2.50—4 ft.

GEORGE WALTERS, HYBRID CACTUS. This variety took first prize as the best Hybrid Cactus exhibited in the commercial section at the Missouri Botanical Garden, 1923, and has won many medals elsewhere. George Walters created a sensation in our fields last year. Flowers of 10 inches in diameter are quite common and freely produced on long, erect stems. Color is a beautiful pinkish salmon shading to a yellow base. The plant is a most satisfactory one for the garden and for cutting. Price 75c—5 to 6 ft.

GLADYS BATES—The large blossoms of this American Cactus variety are of in-curved petals of tan with a reverse of rose. Attractive on account of its odd coloring. Very good. Price 75c—3 to 4 ft.

GLADYS SHERWOOD, HYBRID CACTUS. A wonderful white. This has been grown over 10 inches in diameter composed of long curling petals of glistening white forming a flower of unusual depth, these giant flowers are held erect on strong stems and produced in wonderful profusion. Price 75c—4 to 5 ft.

CACTUS DAHLIAS—Continued

*GLADYS HEISS. This Dahlia created a very great interest in our fields last year. Large flower, perfectly full center to the very last, in color a deep glowing pink. We predict for this Hybrid Cactus a very great future. Price \$2.50—4 to 5 ft.

JEAN CHAZOT OR GAY PAREE, HYBRID CACTUS. This variety of French introduction, is one of the best all around Dahlias. Color is golden bronze with a faint suffusion of nasturtium red. Free bloomer and unsurpassed as a cut flower. Long, stiff, wiry stem. This variety in bloom on our place was admired by many. Price \$1.00—4 to 5 ft.

JERSEY'S MAMMOUTH. Truly a monster. This dahlia of a rich mahogany color was introduced in a limited way last year and won first prize at many of the shows for the largest blooms, many of which will reach fourteen inches; stems fair.

Prices \$2.50—5 to 6 ft.

J. W. LEE. This magnificent Dahlia holds its large graceful blooms erect on good strong stems. Color is a blending of scarlet on pale orange yellow, giving the flower the beautiful sunset shades.

Price \$1.00—4 to 5 ft.

KALIF, HYBRID CACTUS. Its brilliant pure scarlet color and strong stout stems make it one of the most useful Dahlias both for cutting and exhibition.

Price 75c—4 ft.

KLONDYKE. Deep lemon yellow, rank grower and usually free flowering. A deep formed flower with perfectly full center, resembles a huge chrysanthemum.

Price 75c—4 to 5 ft.

LIBELLE. A pure royal purple in coloring. Exceptionally free flowering. A low, compact grower. Medium size flower.

Price 35c—2 ft.

LOLITA VELASCO. A perfect white cactus; the stems are long and stiff; a fine keeper; good for both cutting and exhibition. A splendid dahlia. Price \$1.50—4 ft.

MacGREGOR, HYBRID CACTUS. A seedling of George Walters, of which it is an exact duplicate in size and shape. The flowers are large and full, color Spectrum-red; an unusual color in Dahlias. The base of the petals is lemon-yellow. It is unsurpassed for garden decoration and keeps exceptionally well when cut. It is one of the first to flower and continues in good condition to the end of the season; one of the best all around reds in cultivation. Price \$1.50—4 ft.

*MARIPOSA, HYBRID CACTUS. A recent introduction which has quickly become very popular. The color is a clear shade of lavender pink intensified by the full and darker center. The flowers are large and of rather loose type made up of long ribbon-like petals which twist and curl in a most attractive manner. The stems are exceptionally long and perfect in every way. Price \$2.00—4 ft.

*MISS AMERICA. Miss America in color is a rich orange buff, blending toward the center lemon chrome; the long petals are wavy twisted and curled, colored on the reverse light Jasper red which adds richness and beauty to this autumn shaded dahlia. The plant is a very free grower, strong and vigorous, the foliage rich dark green. The large blooms which are borne in great profusion are of a splendid texture, no trace of stiffness or heaviness. This hybrid cactus dahlia has size; stiff, straight, wiry stems; wonderful keeping qualities and is an Artistic flower of fine formation which has proven a favorite everywhere.

Price \$3.50—5 to 6 ft.

MRS. EDNA SPENCER, AMERICAN CACTUS. A novelty of delicate shade of lavender or orchid pink. In much demand as it is a lasting cut flower of unusual color and very effective under artificial light. It is also a prize winner in American Cactus competition. The stems are long and stiff. Price 75c—4 ft.

MRS. ETHEL F. T. SMITH. Creamy white, shading to a lemon tint in the center. The flowers are huge and the bushes are always covered with them. The stems are extra strong and fine.

Price 75c—4 to 5 ft.

NICHU. A clear yellow hybrid cactus dahlia of real merit. Free flowering, strong grower, and good root maker. Stems good.

Price \$2.50—4 ft.

*PAPILLON, HYBRID CACTUS. One of the big fellows which has been grown successfully everywhere and has been in many prize winning collections. Stems, of course, are strong and long, and carry the flower well. A beautiful shade of old rose with golden lights. An incessant bloomer. No flower that has ever grown on our place attracted more attention than Papillon did last year.

Price \$2.00—5 to 6 ft.

CACTUS DAHLIAS—Continued**FIELD OF PERLE DE LYON**

PERLE De LYON. A pure White Hybrid Cactus of special merit; large free flowering; good stem. Petals cleft at the tips; one of the most satisfactory for florists' use on account of the waxy whiteness and long-keeping quality. Price 40c—4 to 5 ft.

PIERROT. Immense size with very long incurved petals; deep amber, distinctly tipped white, sometimes solid amber. A magnificent exhibition and garden variety. It is a very strong, vigorous grower, producing the gigantic flowers profusely on very long slender, graceful stems. Price 75c—4 ft.

***ROLLO BOY.** This is a Hybrid Cactus of great size with every flower carried perfectly erect on a strong stem. A delicate shade of amber shading to old gold. The plants require little attention as regards thinning. This variety being in every way one of the most striking advances yet made on the Hybrid Cactus section. It is a conspicuous garden plant and if desired for exhibition it is the largest in this section.

The above is the originators description. With us it showed no trace of the deeper shadings of color but was a clear deep buttercup yellow. Price \$3.00—5 to 6 ft.

***ROSE MARIE FRIDOLIN.** Hybrid Cactus. Very dark maroon, rich and velvety. Without any question the largest flower that we have seen, both across and through the flower;; perfectly full to center; wonderfully profuse bloomer; very rank grower. Here is a cactus that will hold its own with the very best as an exhibition flower; equally as good for any other purpose. You will find few collections containing this flower or its equal. This variety attracted attention of our visitors above any other variety that we grew. It was classified last year by the big Dahlia Critics as one of the twelve best Dahlias in the world. Price \$7.50—6 ft.

CACTUS DAHLIAS—Concluded

***SOLE MIO.** A very fine and large hybrid cactus. The color is a deep clear yellow. The flowers are held high on excellent stems, and have good substance. Plant is a strong low growing variety. It is very good for garden and exhibition purposes.

Price \$5.00—4 to 5 ft.

***SPORT FELLOWS.** This is a sport from the well known variety F. W. Fellows and is its exact duplicate excepting in color which is a deep rich yellow. The petals are very long and wiry.

Price \$1.00—4 to 5 ft.



A PORTION OF ONE OF OUR FIELDS

SPRINGFIELD. See cut of plant above. This variety took first prize at the 1924 Dahlia Show, held at the Missouri Botanical Garden, as the best cactus in the commercial section. A dahlia of special merit. Identical with Countess of Lonsdale, except in two essentials, a larger flower and much darker in color. Instead of being a salmon pink as in Lonsdale, "Springfield" is a rich amaranthean-red. It must be seen to be appreciated, most excellent for cutting or garden work. Very free and persistent bloomer.

Price 50c—2 to 3 ft.

***U. S. A. Hybrid Cactus.** Probably no other Dahlia has met with such favor as this, which is entirely distinct in color from all others, a pure deep orange, sparkling and glistening, an unusual color in Dahlias. These flowers are of large size of good formation, on excellent stems, held so as to display their full beauty and not least of all, it is remarkably free-flowering, beginning early and continuing in good condition to the end of the season. U. S. A. is a splendid Dahlia for all purposes. With us it was the admiration of all that visited our farm last year.

Price \$1.00—5 ft.

WODAN. Hybrid Cactus. One of the most popular dahlias. It is a bold, large flower, frequently 7 inches in diameter, a graceful arrangement of semi-incurved tubular petals of a pleasing delicate salmon-rose color, shading to old gold in center.

Price 75c—5 to 6 ft.

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

This class is intermediate between the cactus and the show dahlia. Flowers, as a rule, are large, full to the center, with broad, flat, incurved or reflexed petals, giving an irregular formation devoid of stiffness and formality. For the most part, they are all strong, vigorous growers, early and free bloomers.

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AMERICAN BEAUTY. One of the most perfect ball-decorative dahlias. Flowers of gigantic size, produced on heavy stems. The color is that of the well known American Beauty Rose.

Price 50c— $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft.

AMITYVILLE. A medium-size flower, very rank grower, profuse bloomer. An ideal stem, wiry and holding the flower erect. The color is most beautiful, a delicate shade of silvery pink with a very faint touch of pale yellow on the point of each petal. This flower attracted much attention in our field and at the show. Stands at the head as a cut flower.

Price 50c— $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft.

AMUN RA. A Decorative of great size in the richest shade of copper-bronze. The stems are long and stiff and the flowers keep splendidly.

Price \$1.00—4 ft.

AZALEA. A big bloom formed by many rows of long, narrow petals, giving it an unusually attractive, as well as unique, shape. The color is soft, creamy yellow, and the outer rows of petals are tinged with pink. Sturdy grower and prolific in flowering. We received second prize on this variety at the show for the best Decorative in the commercial section in 1924 and held its own in 1926 show. We predict a good future for this variety in this section.

Price 75c—4 ft.

BASHFUL GIANT. A gigantic bloom, where size is one of the requisites for exhibition. It is all that could be desired. It is also of great merit for its beautiful color—being apricot with golden shadings. Flowers are produced on stout stems, but it is a better garden or exhibition variety than a cut flower. This is an eastern prize-winning dahlia.

Price \$1.50—4 ft.

BUTLER PINK. A deep rose pink shaded lighter toward the center. Long wiry stems holding its flowers erect. Good medium class flower, free flowering.

Price 75c—4 to 5 ft.

CARMENCITA. The most graceful and beautiful of the fancy decoratives. The yellow blossom is regularly striped red. The plant is a dwarf grower but forms a fine compact bush which is a mass of flowers all season. The formation of the enormous flower is uncommon and graceful. The stems are all to be desired.

Price \$1.00—2 ft.

DARLENE. This variety possesses qualities that we have not found in any other Dahlia and we have grown several hundred varieties. It will produce perfectly formed flowers through the hot, dry season. It will begin blooming earlier than any other variety that we have known of and continues to give good flowers until cut down by frost. "Darlene" is a good keeper when cut and a most desirable color, making it one of the most useful to grow for florists' work and a most delightful plant for the home garden. You can depend upon getting abundance of flowers off of this variety. Habit of growth is desirable, good stem. In color it is an exquisite shade of live shell pink with a dainty blending of white at center. Its delicate coloring makes it a useful flower. Medium to large size.

Price 50c—3 to 4 ft.

DELICE. One of the old varieties but still holds its own among the best. There have been many advertised as better than "Delice," but we have failed to find them so. The color is an exquisite shade of deep rose pink and retains its color under all conditions. Stem is good, habit of growth excellent, free flowering. One of the most sought after on the cut flower market.

Price 35c—4 to 5 ft.

DON WILLIAMS. A low-growing plant, free flowering. For exhibition purposes must be disbudded. A new shade of lavender, each petal tipped snow-white. Attracts attention on account of unusual coloring.

Price \$2.50—3 ft.

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS—Continued

DR. TEVIS. A California creation that has a long record as a prize winner, and continues to hold that record. One of the largest and most beautiful Decorative Dahlias measuring from 8 to 11 inches in diameter. The coloring is a beautiful shade of salmon rose suffused with old gold shading to a golden apricot. An unusual blending of colors. The flowers are most attractive, grown on long stems, well above the foliage, making it one of the most desirable. A truly wonderful flower for any purpose.

Price 75c—5 to 6 ft.

EARL WILLIAMS. A huge dahlia with great depth; color scarlet tipped white, good stems. Very attractive.

Price \$1.00—4 to 5 ft.

ELITE GLORY. A massive flower of a brilliant rich red coloring. The foliage of the plant is exceedingly strong and leathery. While it does not produce the greatest number of flowers it has qualities and size beyond the average.

Price \$7.50—4 ft.

***ELLINOR VANDERVEER.** An incomparable Dahlia of exquisite beauty and great size, having every desirable quality. The large blossoms are of a glowing, satiny, rose-pink. The flowers are of great depth and substance, and are held above a tall sturdy bush on exceptionally long, stiff stems. Early bloomer. Highly recommended in the East as well as the West and we have great confidence in it for the Middle-west.

Price \$2.50—5 to 7 ft.

EMBASSADOR. Large blooms on stiff stems. Color, deepest shade of red or maroon; free flowering.

Price 50c—4 ft.

FAITH GARIBALDI. Large flowers of great depth, deep rose color shading lighter on outer petals. An excellent decorative for exhibition. A strong free grower with good stems.

Price \$3.50—5 to 6 ft.

FRANK A.WALKER. Charming shade of deep lavender pink. Very early and free flowering. A desirable flower for cutting and yard work. Medium size.

Price 50c—3 to 4 ft.

FRATERNITY. A medium size flower, rank grower, very free bloomer, good stem, carries itself perfectly, a beautiful shade of buff. Attracted much attention. Excellent for cutting.

Price 50c—4 ft.

HALVELLA. Color is a lovely shade of rose-pink, flowers very large, stand erect on long, stiff stems. Good for all purposes.

Price \$1.50—4 to 5 ft.

HIS MAJESTY. Color a bright scarlet, formation of petals slightly irregular. An exceptionally free bloomer and does not require heavy disbudding to obtain size and stem. One of the best reds.

Price \$2.50—4 to 5 ft.

HORTULANUS FIET. Flowers over 8 inches in diameter, of the most delicate shade of shrimp-pink, the tip of each petal barely touched with gold. The entire flower has a suffusion of delicate tints of red and yellow which gives a glow, yet softness of color of great charm.

Price 75c—4 ft.

HORTULANUS WITTE. Remarkable Holland Decorative Dahlia. A waxy, almost, glistening pure white; a beauty in every sense of the word.

Price 50c—4 ft.

***INSULINDE.** Colossal flowers of a rich golden orange color. Form of flower everything that could be desired. Fine for cutting and exhibition, as it can be grown immense. One of the very finest Dahlias ever produced.

Price \$1.00—4 ft.

JACK ROSE PINK. Identical with the well known variety, Jack Rose, excepting in color, which is clear pink.

Price 35c—3 ft.

JACK ROSE RED. Brilliant shade of crimson red, the same shade of color as the favorite rose of the same name, free flowering, good habit, especially good for yard work, good for cutting. Medium size.

Price 25c—3 ft.

***JERSEY BEACON.** A decided novelty of Chinese scarlet with a paler reverse, giving a two-toned effect. An exhibition flower of vigorous growth, excellent stem. Awarded silver medal for best new seedling at exhibition of New York Horticultural Society in 1924. With us it played a very prominent part in our winning exhibit. There is no variety that was ever grown on our place that has attracted as great attention as Jersey's Beacon.

Price \$3.50—4 to 5 ft.

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS—Continued

***JERSEY'S BEAUTY.** Probably the most talked of Dahlia that has ever been produced. A perfect bloom of Erosine pink, carried high above the foliage on a long wiry stem. A wonderful keeper when cut, therefore good as an exhibition variety or for cut flower purposes. Awarded too many prizes and medals to enumarate. It is truly the beauty of the Dahlia world. Jersey's Beauty has proved itself equally as well in the middle west as in other sections of the country. Our strain of this remarkable variety is of the highest quality.

Price \$2.00—6 ft.

***JERSEY'S IDEAL.** This variety introduced by one of the prominent Eastern growers last year has made a host of friends. The flowers are very large and of great depth, best described as a lavender-pink in color. It is a vigorous grower, with large, leathery leaves, almost insect proof. The large flowers are produced very freely. Has all the characteristics that have made all the Jersey varieties famous.

Price \$7.50—5 to 6 ft.

JERSEY'S KING. Very large perfect flowers of a brilliant oriental-red with carmine suffusion; long, stiff stems. Early and free flowering.

Price \$1.00—5 to 6 ft.

***JERSEYS SOUVERIGN.** A flower that is hard to describe, of large size with very dark vigorous foliage and long stiff stems, of a beautiful salmon-orange that blends so well with autumn foliage, profuse bloomer. Visitors to our field readily recognized this as one of the high-class flowers.

Price \$2.00—5 to 6 ft.

JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER. A wonderful exhibition variety, very large flowers on long stiff stems. Color golden buff. One of the high-class varieties.

Price \$1.00—5 to 6 ft.

JUDGE MAREAN. In this large dahlia there is a riot of blending color, ever changing as the flower ages. There is a glowing salmon pink, iridescent orange, yellow and pure gold, and the shades all bend most beautifully. The large fine flower stands on a long, straight, strong stem facing the garden boldly.

Price \$1.00—4 ft.

J. W. DAVIES. A wonderful free flowering variety beginning early in the season and producing good perfect flowers to the end. The flowers are of giant size, of good depth, and of fine form. The flowers are borne on good, long stems and are of a bright deep tyrian rose color with a gradual shading lighter to the edges.

Price \$2.00—4 ft.

J. W. ROSS (PROFESSOR REINKE). A very dark red, medium size flower, bush strong grower, foliage extremely dark and leathery. A most attractive garden variety.

Price 50c—4 ft.

KALISH WHITE. This is a pure white without any trace of other colors. A good bloomer and rank grower, especially fine for yard work. Medium size.

Price 50c—4 ft.

KITTY DUNLAP. If this has any weak points they are not noticeable. It flowers early and continues perfect throughout the season, its blooms are of the largest size, all that can be wished for in shape and are carried on long stiff, practically leafless, stems; in color it is a much admired beautiful shade of carmine-rose with a brilliant suffusion.

Price \$1.00—4 to 5 ft.

LOUISE DESLOGE.... A beautiful white with no trace of any other color, extremely large on very long stems, very rank grower, a dahlia that commands immediate attention.

Price \$1.00—4 to 5 ft.

LYNDHURST. A brilliant cardinal red. Medium size, beautiful form, good stem, rank grower. A good all around Dahlia.

Price 35c—4 to 5 ft.

***MARGARET MASSON.** A 1924 introduction that is getting more popular each year, invariably a winner in any class calling for large decorations. It has many prizes to its credit. Color a beautiful silvery rose-pink, flower of great depth and size. It has wonderful substance and keeping qualities making it ideal for all purposes. A free and continuous bloomer.

Price \$3.00—5 to 6 ft.

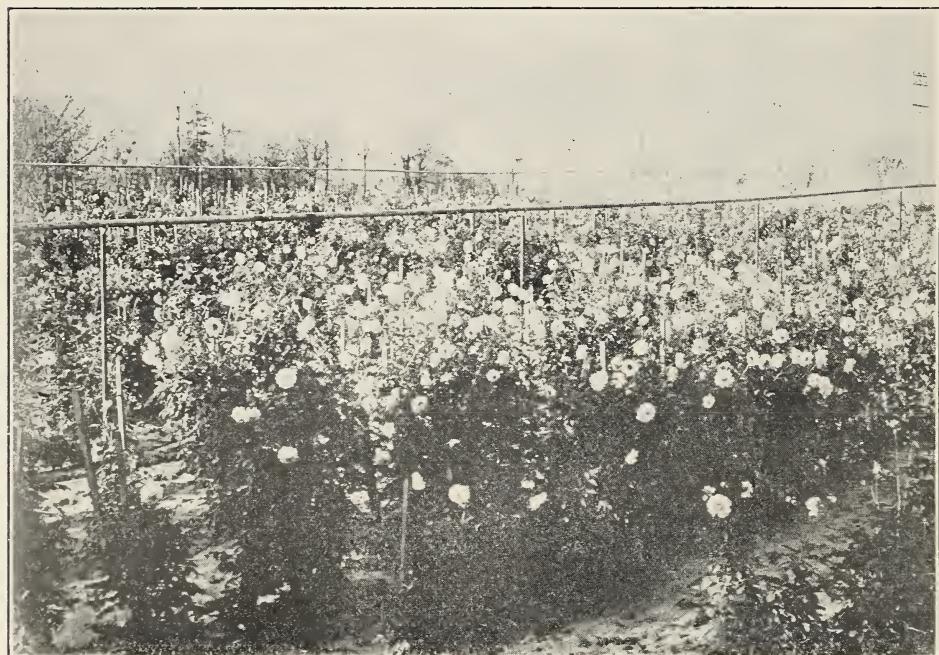
DECORATIVE DAHLIAS—Continued

MARGARET WOODROW WILSON. This variety is a sensational dahlia because of its immense size, odd coloring, and freedom of flowering. If you are after size it will not disappoint you. We believe that this variety will prove itself a worthy one from any standpoint. Color is opalescent-pink, face of petals creamy white, reverse Phlox-pink, the reflection from reverse of petals gives the whole flower an opalescent effect. Petals are broad and well placed, terminating in points making a thick flower. Strong, upright stems, dark green foliage, medium height. Has many awards to its credit.

Price \$4.00—3 to 4 ft.

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTTS. A delicate shade of pink, beautiful form, worthy flower.

Price 50c—4 to 5 ft.



The above picture is a reproduction of a portion of one of our fields. The variety in the foreground is Mr. C. H. Dresselhuis, note the free blooming habit.

MR. C. H. DRESSELHUIS. For many years the variety Delice has been a favorite cut flower, and while beautiful it is not as free-flowering as many would like. In this new variety we have a similar color, a soft rose-pink, white suffusion towards the tips, and what is most important, one of the most prolific bloomers of medium size just right for cutting and are splendidly supported on very long stiff stems. We predict great popularity for this variety as it is undoubtedly the best pink for cutting yet produced.

Price 50c—4 to 5 ft.

MR. ALEX WALDI. A large, well-formed flower, a particularly soft and pleasing color, being a creamy-ground overlaid and suffused with delicate salmon-pink on the outer petals, the center creamy-white, a dainty color combination.

Price \$1.00—4 ft.

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS—Continued

***MINA BURGLE.** Everything taken into consideration there are few red dahlias that surpass Mina Burgle. Apparently its only fault is its inclination to throw flowers with open centers and this is not objectionable with many people as the large, brilliant red flowers, with prominent yellow stamens showing, are most attractive. Our stock last year only developed 2 plants with open centers so we believe we have as fine a strain of this variety as any one on the market. A rank grower; extremely free flowering under the most adverse weather conditions; long wiry stem holding the flower perfectly erect; good keeper making it good for all purposes. You will find this a most worthy variety. Price 50c—5 to 6 ft.

MRS. CARL SALBACH. One of the 1920 introductions which won prizes wherever exhibited. A large flower of lavender pink with lighter tints toward the base of the petals, supported on long, strong stems. Very free flowering, and fine for exhibition or cut flowers. Price 75c—6 ft.

***MRS. ELEANOR MARTIN.** Very large flowers, can be grown from ten to twelve inches in diameter. The form is of best exhibition type and the coloring is unique, different from all others, a beautiful mulberry with golden suffusion. The habit of growth is most beautiful. Price \$3.00—4 ft.



A SPECIMEN PLANT AS GROWN ON OUR PLACE

ORANGE KING. This is a most worthy variety. Wonderfully free flowering, medium to large size on extremely long, wiry stems, rank grower. Color, orange with deeper shadings in center of flower. Flowers held perfectly erect. Always demands the highest price on the cut flower market. Its only fault is its inclination to stunt in the plant growth, in spite of this fault it is well worth growing.

Price 75c—5 to 6 ft.

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS—Continued

***MRS. I. DE VER WARNER.** One of the best known of the Marean introductions and it is truly a remarkable dahlia. The flowers grow to an immense size without any great amount of disbudding, are of a perfect regular type and of the most glowing shade of mauve pink. The plants are tall, vigorous growers, and start giving flowers early in the season and continue to produce quantities of them until the end. This variety has been a success wherever grown. Price \$1.00—5 to 6 ft.

MRS. J. G. CASSATT. Deep rose-pink, free flowering, rank grower, medium to large size, a most excellent garden variety, fine for cutting. Price 50c—4 to 5 ft.

MRS. JOHN T. SCHEEPERS. Very large flowers which upon opening are of a clear golden primrose gradually changing to a beautiful delicate shade of pink suffusion on the outer petals. A strong grower, and abundant bloomer.

Price \$1.50—4 to 5 ft.

***OLIVE REED.** The blooms of this variety are an ideal shade of deep clear yellow. It is a splendid form of decorative and the flowers are large and on good stems held perfectly erect. The plants are extremely rank in growth and the habit is ideal. We cannot recommend this Dahlia too highly.

Price \$7.50—6 ft

OSAM SHUDOW. The most pronounced feature of this Dahlia is its formation. The large heavy loose petals produce a flower more like a gigantic Rose than a Dahlia, in color it is a delightful old-rose, slightly suffused with lilac and shading to yellow at the center, of very large size on stout, stiff stems held well above the foliage.

Price \$1.00—5 to 6 ft.

PAUL MICHAEL. Perhaps one of the largest flowers grown. With us, without any special care, it grew to 9½ inches in diameter. A low growing variety producing its gigantic flowers abundantly. This will delight you. The color, a pure gold.

Price \$1.00—4 ft.

PATRICK O'MARA. Named in honor of one of America's noted horticulturists. It is of free-flowering habit. The flowers, are of good size, perfect form and in color a rich chrome-yellow with salmon-red suffusions.

Price 75c—4 to 5 ft.

PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA. A brilliant glowing cardinal-red of very large size held on extra good stems, very free flowering and a good keeper when cut. If you are looking for size you can get it with this variety.

Price 75c—6 ft.

QUEEN MARY. A beautiful shade of soft pearl pink. Medium size.

Price 50c—3 to 4 ft.

***QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL.** This is really the largest dahlia ever introduced. It is an enormous light yellow. The stems are huge stiff canes which support the big flowers wonderfully. Winner of the S. W. Heller Memorial Prize at the Palace Show, 1925.

Price \$6.00—5 to 6 ft.

ROBERT TREAT. This Dahlia is unlike any other existing variety in color; of a brilliant American Beauty rose shade, exhibition type, stiff upright stems. Plants are strong growers of wide-spreading habit, producing 12-16 perfect blooms during the season.

Price \$1.00—4 to 5 ft.

RODMAN WANAMAKER. Of largest size and of splendid loose, graceful formation, composed of long twisted and curling petals that prevent any stiffness or formality in its shape, though sometimes in unfavorable weather it will show a green center. The color is distinct and attractive, the center yellow, the outer petals light salmon toned yellow. Early and free with good long stems.

Price \$1.50—4 to 5 ft.

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS—Concluded

ROSE FALON. Most wonderful flower of enormous size, held erect on straight, strong stems; this magnificent bloom is a beautiful color of deep Old Gold of the finest type. This variety created a sensation when exhibited at the 1925 Dahlia Show of the A. D. S. and was without question, the finest dahlia in the show. No dahlia collection should be without this famous novelty.

The above is the Originator's description, With us it was inclined to droop its head.
Price \$5.00—5 to 6 ft.

***ROOKWOOD.** An entirely new shade of bright rosy cerise, without the slightest tinge of magenta, greatly resembling the color of the Mrs. Charles Russell rose, and exceptionally beautiful under artificial light. The immense flowers are of true decorative type with full centers, a good depth and held aloft on splendid straight stems. The bushes grow low and spreading and are always a mass of blooms.

Price \$2.50—3 to 4 ft.

ROSA NELL. Clear, bright rose color, flowers very large, fine for exhibition and cut flower, good keeper, one of the best shaped decorative dahlias in existence. A rare color and attracts immediate attention wherever seen. Price \$1.00—3 to 4 ft.

***SAGAMORE.** An exceptionally fine exhibition or cut flower of a golden color, shaded toward the center with a warm salmon-rose or orange buff. Stems straight and stiff and wonderful keeping qualities when cut make this flower most desirable.

Price \$2.50—5 to 6 ft.

SHUDDOW'S LAVENDER. The very large flowers are of a silvery lavender slightly shading to white. It blooms continuously and freely from early to late in the season and never shows a center and has excellent keeping qualities as a cut flower.

Price \$2.00—4 to 5 ft.

SNOWDRIFT. For garden decoration nothing compares with this splendid giant variety with its broad waxy white petals which form most perfectly shaped flowers.

Price \$1.00—3 ft.

SYLVIA. Soft, pleasing mauve pink changing to white in the center, fine cut flower, good garden variety. Medium size. Price 25c—3 to 4 ft.

TOMMY ATKINS. This bright novelty is one of the best of the newer introductions. A starting color, flaming scarlet, so full of metallic lustre that it fairly glistens in the sunshine. The large deep blossoms are held high above the bush on long stiff stems. An early bloomer. ... Price \$1.00—4 to 5 ft.

TRENTONIAN. A giant decorative of outstanding merit of a distinct and appealing color, a wonderful shading of old gold, amber and coppery bronze, with a center of reddish bronze, forming a flower of marvelous brilliancy. A flower of lasting quality, a splendid exhibition variety. Price \$2.00—4 to 5 ft.

WIZARD OF OZ. One of the largest Dahlias grown. With us we had no other variety that produced as many flowers as large at one time on one bush. We predict for this Dahlia a great future. The color is a glowing amber-pink, soft in tone.

Price \$2.00—4 to 5 ft.

WORLD'S BEST WHITE. As the name indicates, one of the best white decoratives ever produced. Fine stem, free bloomer, full to the center, excellent for exhibition.

Price \$2.50—4 to 5 ft.

PEONY-FLOWERED DAHLIAS

This class had its origin in Holland and was named on account of its resemblance to the Japanese Paeony. Flowers large, on long stems, and have conspicuous open centers around which the large, broad, gracefully curled and twisted petals are rather loosely and irregularly arranged. They are devoid of stiffness and formality, and are sometimes referred to as the "Art Dahlias."

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AUTUMN PERFECTION. I know of no Dahlia that will produce as many large flowers as this variety. Very early and continuous until cut down by the frost. Often full to center, a beautiful shade of orange and copper. Price 75c—3 to 4 ft.

FRAGRANT PEONY. Very free flowering; color, terre cotta; especially fine for yard work; good cutting. Often with only 2 rows of petals. Especially adapted to table decorations. Price 35c—3 to 4 ft.

JOHN WANAMAKER. This is a most handsome variety for yard work. Flowers are large and full to the center; resembles a Decorative in this respect. The flowers are loosely built of curled and twisted petals. The color is a beautiful shade of soft rose pink with violet tint. Price 50c—3 to 4 ft.

SOUV. DE MILWAUKEE.... This is one of the first to blossom. Large flowers; long, wiry stem; yellow center, shaded to deep purple with lighter tips. A most gorgeous plant for the yard and excellent for cutting purposes. You will admire this. Often with only 2 rows of petals. Price 35c—3 to 4 ft.

DOUBLE SHOW OR BALL DAHLIAS

This class is a branch of the ball type. The flowers are round, symmetrical and perfectly formed, the petals being regular, cupped or quilled and usually full to the center. They are early, free and continuous bloomers, as a rule. The dahlias of our Grandmother's gardens.

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A. D. LIVONI. One of the old varieties, but still a favorite on account of its beautiful color, perfect form and freedom of flowering. Color, clear cerise-pink; quilled petals, medium size. Price 35c—4 ft.

DREER'S WHITE. A pure glistening white, a large ball-shaped flower with closely quilled petals, unsurpassed by any other variety in freedom of flowering. Price 35c—3 ft.

FLORAL PARK JEWEL (BURLEIGH). Perfect ball, red and white tipped; medium size. Very attractive. Price 35c—3 to 4 ft.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY. A fine bold flower produced on very long stems. Flowers very large and of good substance. Color, rich old gold. Price 75c—2 to 3 ft.

GRAND EXHIBITION. A very large perfectly formed flower. Light rose base shaded to deep purple. Very attractive; free flowering. Price 50c—5 ft.

LUCY FAUCETT. Pale yellow, striped light magenta, a beautiful combination of color; medium size. Price 35c—4 to 5 ft.

MAUDE ADAMS. The color is a pure snowy white, very effectively overlaid clear delicate pink. Very free flowering. Price 35c—3 to 4 ft.

MISSOURI BEAUTY. A perfect ball shaped flower of the most exquisite shades of coloring. Light base overlaid old rose. A low compact grower. Without any question the most beautiful show Dahlia we have ever seen. Medium size. Price \$1.00—3 ft.

DOUBLE BALL OR SHOW DAHLIAS—Concluded

QUEEN OF THE AUTUMN. A sport from Queen Victoria. Identical in every way with this variety except color, which is yellow base overlaid deep bronze. Was much in demand as a cut flower with us last year. Medium size. Extremely free flowering. Price 35c—4 ft

QUEEN VICTORIA. A free blooming variety of a pure yellow. Price 25c—4 ft.
ROBERT BROOMFIELD. A pure white show with good habits, free flowering and rank grower. Price 25c—4 to 5 ft.

STRIPED BANNER. A bright red and white striped compact flower. Medium size. Price 25c—2 to 3 ft.

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COLLARETTE DAHLIAS

These are single dahlias with a collar of small petals, usually of a different color, surrounding the yellow disc forming a very novel class.



A Collarette Dahlia

SAN MATEO STAR. An extraordinary flower and the biggest collarette ever produced. The color is a clear cerise, the petals edge white and the collar white. The formation is a distinct star. Like all blossoms of this type is a prolific bloomer with good stems. Price \$1.00—3 ft.

SINGLE OR CENTURY DAHLIAS

The center is always visible and surrounded by one or two rows of petals. Very free flowering. A bed of singles is a gorgeous sight to behold.

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FRIGOLA. A rich purplish red, tipped pure white. Very effective. Medium size. Price 25c—4 to 5 ft.

ROSE PINK CENTURY. A large flower, rich rose pink. Price 20c—5 to 6 ft.

SUNSET CENTURY. Most striking effective yellow at base of petal, outer half deep rich vermillion. Very bright and effective for garden or cutting. Medium size. Price 20c—2 to 3 ft.

POMPON DAHLIAS

These are tiny, compact growers, usually of quilled petals, very floriferous, and do not require disbudding. They can be depended upon. Might be termed a miniature Show-Dahlia. Very attractive.



CAMELIA

POMPON DAHLIAS—Concluded

CAMELIA. In 1924 we had this listed as a decorative but it is a very small flower. We do not think that we are wrong by placing it among the Pompons. As a rule comes perfectly full to the center. A deep flame in color, very free flowering. We believe this to be perhaps one of the most useful of the miniature class. A basket of this variety is a perfect charm. The cut will give you some idea as to its possibility for this kind of work. Note the long, wiry stem. Always attracts attention.	Price 50c—2 ft.
AIMEE. A wee flower of bronze; color new and charming.	Price 50c—2 ft.
AMBER QUEEN. A beautiful long stemmed little flower. Golden amber.	Price 35c—2 ft.
ATOM. One of the smallest in this class. Orange color, perfect form.	Price \$1.00—2 ft.
CATHERINE. Well formed primrose-yellow.	Price 35c—2 ft.
GEM. A perfect little wonder; free flowering; uniform coloring, light base overlaid deep lavender. Won first prize as the best pompon at the show.	Price 50c—2 ft.
GOLDIE. A tiny flower of pure gold; fine for cutting.	Price 75c—2 ft.
GRETCHEN HEINE. A dainty flower of rose tinted white, each petal heavily tipped crimson-carmine. One of the finest of the miniature class.	Price 50c—2 ft.
JEWEELTJE. Pompon Decorative. Light pink. In this dainty little flower we have an entirely new type of dahlia. The blooms are a clear light pink, just about the shade of Delice and will average two or two and one-half inches across. The stems are thin, but strong and wiry, and the bushes are continually covered with flowers. Because of the small size and beautiful shade of pink it can be used in many places where other dahlias may not be suitable. This variety will be in great demand for commercial growing and should be also grown in every home garden.	Price 75c—2 ft.
JOE FETTE. The best and smallest white for exhibition or cutting.	Price 50c—2 ft.
JOHNNY. A deep red, beautifully formed, free flowering variety that attracts great attention; invaluable for cutting and exhibition.	Price 50c—2 ft.
LITTLE BEAUTY. Shrimp pink, a good flower.	Price 50c—2 ft.
LITTLE BEESWING. Golden yellow, very deeply and prettily edged with bright cherry red. One of the most attractive grown.	Price 50c—2 ft.
LITTLE LLOYD. A deep burnt orange shading to amber. Perfect stem.	Price 75c—2 ft.
PHYLLIS. Yellow shaded and edged red; extra good.	Price 50c—2 ft.
PRINCE CHARMING. A bright flower on long stems, base white with heavy purple edging; good every way.	Price 35c—2 ft.
RAPHAEL. Very deep maroon, fine form.	Price 25c—2 ft.
SUNBEAM. Flaming crimson.	Price 35c—2 ft.
SUNSET GLOW. A pretty little flower of orange and sunset red. Good stem, fine grower, excellent keeper, fine for basket work, tall grower, therefore needs staking.	Price 25c—3 to 4 ft.
TOM THUMB. Garnet red. A winner in the smallest flower class.	Price 50c—2 ft.
TOMMY KEITH. A small perfectly formed blossom of deep red, tipped white.	Price 50c—2 ft.

GLADIOLI

Our special collection of Gladioli have been selected from many varieties on the market with the thought in mind of giving our customers the offerings without the necessity of considering so many varieties of little worth or other varieties similar.

The Gladioli is becoming more prominent each year. In the past where a few have been planted here and there in the yards they are being planted now by the hundreds and in some cases by the thousands on private places. What a treat to go out into the garden and cut an armful of flowers of colors to your liking.

HOW TO GROW GLADIOLI

Gladioli may be planted beginning as soon as the frost is out of the ground and danger of heavy freezing is past and continue at intervals of every two weeks up to July 1st, thus giving a succession of blooms through the entire season. A good mixture of bulbs may be planted at one time that will extend the blooming season for considerable time on account of some varieties being earlier than others in their blooming season. Our mixture is especially adapted for this purpose.

Plant from four to six inches deep, according to the lightness of the soil and the size of the bulbs. In a cool climate they thrive best in a good sunny place. Where the summers are extremely warm a partially shaded place is preferable.

The ground should be kept well stirred or hoed from the time they begin to come up until they are ready to dig, or they may be mulched with a good covering of light straw to the depth of about four inches. As soon as planting is done or after they have made considerable growth and the ground has been well stirred, they may have a liberal mulch of straw or clippings from the lawn. This will hold the moisture and work a great benefit. If the season is dry they can stand considerable watering, especially at the time flowering spikes begin to appear, being careful to work the ground as soon as it becomes sufficiently dry, never while wet, but if the mulch has been applied there is no necessity of working the ground.

We do not advocate the use of dressing too liberally. A light application of any well decayed manure or good commercial fertilizer applied on the top of the ground after the plants are several inches high will aid in producing larger blooms. Never apply fertilizer at the time of planting. The ground should be kept moist (not wet) until the flower spikes begin to appear, then water freely. The spikes can be cut as soon as the first bud begins to open. Four or five of the lower leaves should be left to help mature the new bulb.

The bulbs should be dug as soon as the leaves turn yellow or as soon as they are killed by frost. They should be lifted, tops and all, and allowed to curve, preferably out of doors. If in a warm climate they should be shaded during the heat of the day and should at all times be protected from frost. The usual time for curing is from four to six weeks. When thoroughly dry the tops should be cut off close to the bulbs and the old dried corms removed from the bottom of these new bulbs. Store in shallow trays in a cool dry place protected from frost.

The varieties we offer below are all of the highest quality first size bulbs and will delight you.

Sent prepaid.

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ALICE TIPLADY. A grand, large Primulinus of most beautiful orange saffron color. Very choice (this is undoubtedly the most popular Primulinus in existence.)

Price 10c each—\$1.00 per doz.—\$7.50 per 100

ANNA EBERIUS. Deep Rhodamine-purple, shading into very deep bordeaux center. This variety has created a sensation everywhere with growers and amateurs alike.

Price 15c each—\$1.50 per doz.—\$10.00 per 100

BERTREX. A wonderful pure, glistening white, very tall and vigorous. Fine early commercial flower. The peer in this shade.

Price 8c each—80c per doz.—\$6.00 per 100

GLADIOLI—Continued

E. J. SHAYLOR. Tall, very strong plant and deep rose blooms; a beautiful pure deep rose pink. Extra choice; ruffled.

Price 15c each—\$1.50 per doz.—\$10.00 per 100

EVELYN KIRTLAND. A splendid variety with large flowers of wonderful substance of rosy pink at the edges passing to shell-pink in the throat, with fiery scarlet blotches on lower petals. A strong, robust grower.

Price 10c each—\$1.00 per doz.—\$7.00 per 100

GOLDEN MEASURE. The one best yellow; large flowers of deep golden yellow heretofore unknown in a large flowering gladiolus. Several of these gorgeous flowers in bloom at once on a tall, strong stem give a most magnificent effect.

Price 20c each—\$2.00 per doz.—\$15.00 per 100

HALLEY. Very early; large flowers of bright salmon pink on long, graceful spike. A wonderful cut flower, very satisfactory in every way.

Price 5c each—50c per doz.—\$4.00 per 100

HENRY FORD. Very dark rhodamine purple shading into deeper tones near the center. Color very clear like Anna Eberius, but much larger and clearer. It is a tremendous propagator, and even the smallest bulb will bring a flower spike 3 or 4 feet tall five months after planting. This variety far surpasses our famous "Anna Eberius." The foregoing is the introducers' description. This was a marvel on our place last year.

Price 75c each—\$7.50 per doz.

HERADA. An enormous glistening mauve, self color and wonderful for florists' work. The very best variety in this shade among the commercial varieties; prize winner.

Price 15c each—\$1.50 per doz.—\$10.00 per 100

LE MARSHALL FOCH. This might briefly be described as an improved America, having the same soft flesh-pink color, but with much larger blooms and coming into flower two weeks earlier. Of unusually strong, vigorous growth with splendid straight, well-filled spikes.

Price 8c each—80c per oz.—\$6.00 per 100

MARY PICKFORD. A comparatively new variety of dainty coloring, splendid spikes with large expanded blooms of a delicate creamy white, the throat suffused with soft canary yellow.

Price 15c each—\$1.50 per doz.—\$10.00 per 100

MRS. DR. NORTON. This variety is quite alone in its beauty, no other equals it in its class and everywhere it is awarded the highest honors. Silvery white blossoms daintily tinted with pink, deepening toward the edges. A creamy blotch of sulphur yellow, speckled at base with Tyrian rose.

Price 10c each—\$1.00 per doz.—\$7.00 per 100

MRS. FRANCES KING. Very tall flame scarlet. Many large flowers open at once. For brilliant effects nothing is finer.

Price 10c each—\$1.00 per doz.—\$6.50 per 100

MRS. FRANK PENDLETON. The introduction of this variety created a sensation in the gladiolus world. Bright rose pink on pure white ground, a giant blotch of richest velvety carmine red on lower petals. No grander variety in existence; like an immense glorious orchid.

Price 10c each—\$1.00 per doz.—\$7.00 per 100

ORANGE GLORY. Grand orange colored with beautiful lighter throat. Very rich and striking color. Beautiful and distinct. Ruffled.

Price 15c each—\$1.50 per doz.—\$10.00 per 100

PEACE. A giant, white with lilac featherings in throat; very robust plant and beautiful flowers.

Price 10c each—\$1.00 per doz.—\$6.00 per 100

ROSE LUSANTA (Primulinus). Shell pink with cream throat. Tall grower and large, full, open flower. We predict that this variety will become very popular when known.

Price 15c each—\$1.50 per doz.—\$10.00 per 100

ROSE ASH. Peculiar soft old rose rose tones fading to ashes of roses on the outer edges of petals. Very unique in coloring and greatly admired. If you have a room with mahogany furniture and mulberry hangings this is an ideal indoor setting of Rose Ash. We have never seen a gladioli that would produce such a wonderfully large spike and massive head of flowers.

Price 15c—\$1.50 per doz.—\$10.00 per 100

GLADIOLI—Concluded



LOS ANGELES. The sensational cut and come again Gladioli. The accompanying cut was made from a photograph taken of the growth from one mammoth size bulb which was planted about July 15th. At the first blooming there were 2 large spikes and about 2 to 3 weeks later 4 more large spikes were produced with one and two side spikes on each. The photograph was taken at the last blooming period.

When we dug the bulbs we had four large size No. 2 bulbs and two extra large No. 1 bulbs.

The bulbs that we offer of this marvelous variety are jumbo size, the largest we have ever seen, and are grown from bulbets, these will delight you to the extreme.

Color is a shrimp-pink tinted orange with orange tinted carmine throat.

The total number of these beautiful monstrous pink flowers on these six main spikes was 78, not including the flowers that were produced on the side spikes some of which can be seen in the cut.

Price 50c each—\$5.00 per doz.—\$45.00 per 100

ROSALIA (Primulinus). Yellow blushed orange, lower petals golden yellow. Rather dwarf grower but the flowers are large and beautifully ruffled making a fine cut flower variety. Extra. Price 10c each—\$1.00 per doz.—\$6.00 per 100

SOUVENIR (Primulinus). Pure solid deep yellow on long slender stems. Perfect for cutting. Claimed to be the deepest pure yellow prim in existence.

Price 15c each—\$1.50 per doz.—\$10.00 per 100

MIXED GLADIOLI. We have a very fine mixture, including many of the very fancy varieties, all of them most desirable comprising a very wide range of coloring. We feel confident in saying that as fine a mixture has seldom been offered at these prices. You will be justified in planting these liberally.

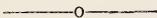
These are all strong blooming size bulbs.

50c per doz.—\$3.50 per 100—\$30.00 per 1000

GORGEOUS CANNAS

We are offering a collection of Cannas that comprise the cream of the varieties that are on the market. The Canna is one of the showiest flowers we have for color effect either in the small yard or for expansive landscape effect. The improved varieties with their massive heads of large flowers and brilliant colorings are beyond comparison with the old varieties.

The divisions that we offer are strong, healthy roots, containing two or more eyes and are not to be compared with the small roots usually offered over the counter in many of the stores.



HOW TO PLANT AND CARE FOR THE CANNA

The ground should be well spaded to a depth of 1½ or 2 feet. A liberal amount of stable manure or its equal should be worked into the ground, as they are strong feeders. When the ground has become warm and dry, about the middle of May or June first, they should be planted. If for massive effect, plant about 2 feet apart, for more compact effect plant closer. Cover about 4 inches deep and keep ground well stirred.

After they have made considerable growth water may be given them rather liberally, later on when bloom begins to appear give them abundance of water. Additional food may be added to an advantage in the growing season in the way of sheep manure or bone meal or other manure at hand.

After frost has killed the tops lift the clumps and keep them in a dry place away from frost. They can stand warmer storage than most bulbs, especially in the clump form if some of the soil is left on them.



CITY OF PORTLAND. Flowers of the largest size and borne on heavy trusses; color, glowing pink, flowers freely. Green foliage.

Price 30c each—\$3.00 per doz.—3½ ft.

EUREKA. The best white Canna for all purposes. The large substantial flowers are very freely produced on strong vigorous plants.

Price 20c each—\$2.00 per doz.—4 ft.

KING HUMBERT. A most popular variety; orange-scarlet flowers, large and showy; deep bronze foliage.

Price 15c each—\$1.50 per doz.—5 ft.

KING MIDAS. A true Canna aristocrat. Very large flower of glittering gamboge-yellow. Outstanding variety coming into great popularity; new.

Price 30c each—\$3.00 per doz.—5 ft.

MME. CROZY. Red edged gold, pretty border variety.

Price 15c each—\$1.50 per doz.—4 ft.

MRS. PIERRE S. DU PONT. For many years the flower loving public has been looking forward to the time when some Hybridizer would produce a real worth while pink canna. We are glad to be able to offer to our friends this masterpiece of the Hybridizer's art. A truly wonderful Canna. A brilliant watermelon pink, extremely large flower heads with beautiful ruffled petals. Firm erect stems, massive green foliage. One of the rankest growers we have ever seen. From a small bulb a tremendous plant was produced carrying several large heads of flowers at one time. At no time after the plants started blooming were they without a grand show of flowers increasing in gorgeous display as the season advanced. You will not regret having invested in this great Canna.

Price \$1.50 each—\$15.00 per doz.—4 ft.

ROSEA GIGANTEA. Large flowers in great abundance; the individual petals are often 2½ inches across, of a deep rich rose, almost a coral carmine.

Price 25c each—\$2.50 per doz.—4 ft.

CANNAS—Concluded

STATUE OF LIBERTY. An extremely vigorous grower with deep bronze foliage and large orange-scarlet flowers. Its extreme rank growth towering above any other variety with its massive heads of flowers makes this variety a most excellent specimen for the center of beds or for back ground of other lower growing subjects.

Price 20c each—\$2.00 per doz.—6 to 7 ft.

THE PRESIDENT. We believe there is no other green foliaged Canna that is so attractive as this one; a perfect wonder producing the most gorgeous clusters of flowers imaginable. A brilliant red.

Price 20c each—\$2.00 per doz.—5 ft.

VENUS. A gay rosy-pink with a well defined border of creamy yellow, green foliage.

Price 25c each—\$2.50 per doz.—4 ft.

WINTZLERS COLOSSAL. Without a doubt the largest flowered Canna to date, as the average flowers almost cover a man's hat. The color is a strikingly vivid scarlet that retains its brilliancy.

Price 20c—\$2.00 per doz.—5 ft.

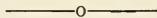
YELLOW KING HUMBERT. A sport from the bronze leaved, red flowering King Humert. Flowers are yellow dotted orange-scarlet. The occasional reversion of a stalk of foliage and flowers to the typical King Humbert makes a bed of this variety very interesting.

Price 15c each—\$1.50 per oz.—4½ ft.

Special Offer—1 Root of each of the above 12 varieties sent prepaid for \$3.25.

HARDY LILIES

No yard, hardy border or shrubbery planting is complete without a liberal planting of hardy lilies. They are most gorgeous in their effect. When once established they give you a wonderful display with as little trouble as anything you can plant. The varieties listed below are the finest that can be had.



AURATUM (Golden-banded Japan Lily). Undoubtedly one of the finest. Its large, graceful, fragrant flowers are composed of six petals of a delicate ivory-white color, thickly studded with chocolate-crimson spots, and striped through the center a golden-yellow; 3 to 5 feet. August. Extra Large Bulbs 50c each—\$5.00 per doz.

REGALE (Myriophyllum). This new variety from Western China is admittedly one of the most beautiful Garden Lilies yet introduced. It grows 3 to 5 feet high, and blooms out of doors in July. It is perfectly hardy, and flourishes under very varied conditions, the large trumpet shaped, delicately scented flowers, which are produced freely, are ivory white, shaded pink, tinged with canary yellow at the base of the petals. Strong flowering bulbs. 75c each—\$7.50 per doz.

SPECIOSUM ALBUM. Pure white, reflexed blooms, very large and a prolific bloomer. Extra Large Bulbs 50c each—\$5.00 per Doz.

SPECIOSUM RUBRUM. White shaded pink and spotted daintily with rosy-crimson petals beautifully recurved. Very hardy and free flowering.

Extra Large Bulbs 50c each—\$5.00 per Doz.

The Lilies we offer are among the highest class of Lilies grown.

ISMENE (White Amaryllis). Suitable for outside planting when treated like Gladioli. A beautiful pure white lily that makes a wonderful showing, having from 3 to 8 large flowers on each spike. Will produce its flowers from 3 to 4 weeks from the time of planting. The bulbs we offer are very large and will give wonderful results. They will please you.

Price 25c each—\$2.50 per doz.—\$18.00 per 100

LILY OF THE VALLEY

We have secured direct from Holland a quantity of two-year-old Lily of the Valley Pips. Especially grown for outside planting and we will furnish these to you @ \$1.00 per Doz. Post Paid.

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WILLY WOLF'S ZEP

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PEONIES

HOW TO PLANT—Peonies like a well drained soil with plenty of sunlight away from trees and heavy shrubbery. The most important thing is to not plant too deep. Many people get few flowers on their Peonies, due, as a rule, to the fact that they were planted too deep. They should not be planted more than 2 inches deep; that is, cover the young sprout or eyes with two inches of soil. See that the ground is well worked to a good depth. Do not put any manure next to the roots. Cow manure, sheep manure or Bone Meal may be worked into the ground at time of planting. A good double handful of Bone Meal, twice that amount of sheep manure and a liberal amount of cow manure may be used. See that the root is not placed in close contact with the manure.

A better plan is to work fertilizer around the plant after planting has been done. In the spring a liberal sprinkling of Bone Meal will be effective. A light covering of leaves or straw is desirable the first year after the ground has been frozen. After this no covering is needed.

The divisions that we offer are such that will usually give you a fair amount of flowers the first year after planting, if properly done.

We will have the following varieties on hand up to May 1st only, so get your orders in early. A more complete line will be offered in our fall list.

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BARONESS SCHROEDER. One of the finest Kelway Peonies. Its very large, full, globular flower opens a delicate flesh-white, changing to chaste creamy white. The variety has a bewitching habit of coming, under certain conditions, a wonderful shade of soft baby-pink, so deep that one is inclined to class it as a pink peony. The petals have wonderful substance and fine form, and the delicate rose fragrance is most pleasing. The plant is of strong, upright growth, with a distinctive clean light green foliage. The well-formed buds, as well as the profuse blooms that open in the late midseason, are carried with an aristocratic style that makes this one of the most beautiful and desirable plants for landscape planting.

\$1.50 each—\$15.00 per Doz.

DUCHESS DE NEMOURS. An early white of the crown type that opens in a globular, cupped form that is very distinct and beautiful. The color is a clear white, with a collar of sulphur-white, and a greenish reflex at the center that is most refreshing. It is a vigorous grower, of medium height, a free bloomer and fragrant. A useful variety either for the garden or for commercial cutting. This is another one of the older varieties that is distinct and outstanding, even when compared with all the newer and more expensive introductions.

\$1.00 each—\$10.00 per Doz.

EDOUARD ANDRE. Semi-double type; midseason. Dark velvety crimson with carmine violet tints; petals widely notched. Dwarf habit.

\$1.00 each—\$10.00 per Doz.

EDULIS SUPERBA. A very large, loose, crown-type flower, with guards and center of deep mauve-pink petals and a scant collar of narrow light lilac petals; the center is quite flat when fully open, with silvery sheen. One of the most fragrant of all Peonies. The plant is vigorous in growth with slightly spreading habit. A very early variety that is usually in bloom for Decoration Day. Widely known for commercial cut-flower planting.

75c each—\$7.50 per Doz.

FELIX CROUSSE. One of the "Four Veterans" that has stood the test of years and is still one of the foremost Peonies, both for garden plantings and for commercial use. It is a large, typical bomb-type flower of clear, brilliant red, coming in late midseason. The guard petals are prominent, surrounding a large, globular center of even coloring. It is a strong, vigorous plant of spreading habit.

PEONIES—Concluded

FESTIVA MAXIMA. The highest rated of all the older varieties, and one of the most widely grown. Its very large, full blooms are true rose form, with very broad petals of purest white, and center petals irregularly flecked with carmine. It is a very vigorous grower, with splendid stems and handsome dark green foliage, and is an early bloomer with pleasing fragrance. On first opening the flowers sometimes show a delicate rosy tint in the center, this is very beautiful. Festiva Maxima should be one of the first Peonies planted in any garden.

\$1.00 each—\$10.00 per Doz.

FLORAL TREASURE OR DELICATISSIMA. A rose-type flower of delicate salmon-pink. Its center petals are loose and spread just enough to show the carpels of light greenish yellow, tipped white, giving a fresh and dainty color effect. The flowers are fragrant and on strong plants, are very large and perfectly formed. A strong, tall grower, making a desirable landscape plant, and an exceptional keeping variety for commercial cut-flowers. Midseason.

75c each—\$7.50 per Doz.

GOLDEN HARVEST. Bomb-type, midseason. A most striking variety producing large, tri-colored bloom. The guard petals are blush-pink with creamy-white center; center of flower overlaid and tipped with carmine. It combines cream, gold, white, pink, salmon, peach, and apricot, the color effect of the flower being creamy-pink; strong grower, delicate fragrance.

75c each—\$7.50 per Doz.

LADY L. BRAMWELL. Full rose-type, clear pink, large flower, a really fine variety.

75c each—7.50 per Doz.

MME. DE VERNEVILLE. This early white variety is very sweetly fragrant and of pleasing form. It is very full bomb-type, pure white, with center delicately tinted blush when the flower first opens, changing to all pure white except for four distinct crimson marks on the tips of the center petals. The plant is medium in height, a medium-strong grower, and an extra-free and reliable bloomer. One of the largest and most perfectly formed of all the white Peonies. \$1.00 each—\$10.00 per Doz.

MONSIEUR DUPONT. This large, flat, semi-rose-type flower is a master-piece in its class. Late. The well-formed cap-shaped bloom is cream white, with the center petals conspicuously splashed crimson, and the golden stamens lighting up the base of the petals. It is a tall, vigorous plant with good strong stems, and a free bloomer. One of the thoroughly good Peonies that has a place in every well-selected collection.

\$1.50 each—\$15.00 per Doz.

SARAH BERNHARDT. This fine Peony stands out among all the rare and fine varieties as one of the universally satisfactory kinds. It has a refined flower, beautiful in color, and is a strong, vigorous grower, a free and reliable bloomer, and a rapid propagator. The flowers are very large, semi-rose-type, with large, compact, lubricated petals of mauve rose tipped silver. It is a late midseason bloomer; delightfully fragrant. Sarah Bernhardt is the largest and strongest Peony of any that we know. Grown in the field along with other varieties that are listed at a much higher price it stands superior to them all. At the Peony shows, competition for the best single bloom in the show usually becomes a contest as to who can bring in the best Sarah Bernhardt.

\$3.00 each—\$30.00 per Doz.

TUBEROSE

The flowers of this popular plant are waxy-like, one of the most delightfully fragrant and beautiful of the summer-flowering bulbs. By skillful management a succession of flowers may be obtained all the year around. For early flowers they can be started in February or March in the greenhouse or hotbed; and for a succession they can be planted at intervals as late as July. For flowering in the open border, plant about the middle of May, or as soon as the ground becomes warm.

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MEXICAN EVER-BLOOMING SINGLE. The most free-blooming Tuberose in existence. It is a native of the tableland district of Mexico. Each bulb produces only one flower spike; but the peculiar feature is the making of new bulbs as the original one is blooming, which flower as soon as the old bulb has finished, thereby yielding a succession of bloom throughout the season.

These bulbs may be planted out as early as the first of May and as late as the middle of June, and flowering in about eight weeks' time, they continue until after the first frost. The flower stalk is tall and stiff, usually bearing from six to twenty pure white blooms, having the same delightful odor as the regular double variety. The stalks when cut will last for a great length of time in water and the flowers will also increase in size.

This Mexican Ever-blooming Tuberose is easily grown in the house or greenhouse and makes one of the best and most useful varieties for forcing.

Price 10c each—75c per doz.—\$6.00 per 100

GERMAN IRIS

There is no flower planted that will make as great a display with the least amount of effort as the Iris.

Planted as a border along walks and drives or around shrubbery or flower beds, they are most effective. May be planted here and there among other plants with good effect.

HOW TO PLANT

The Iris should be planted very shallow, just covering the roots is sufficient. Any well-drained location will suit them.

Early fall is the ideal time for planting, but the Iris is one of the species of plants that you can plant with fair results anytime that you can work the ground.

S—stands for the Standards and F for the Falls.

CAPRICE. A perfect gem and one of the freest-flowering, blooms of medium size and almost a self-colored Chinese-Violet; reticulations of white and deep purple at the base of the petals being the only exception. Height 30 inches.

35c each—\$3.50 per doz.—\$25.00 per 100

CLARENCE WEDGE. S. mauve; F. red, exceedingly beautiful.

35c each—\$3.50 per Doz.

DR. BERNICE. S. Coppery bronze; F. velvety crimson. In general effect a brown Iris. 24 inches.

35c each—\$3.50 per Doz.

IRIS KING. Very large massive flowers. S., old gold; F., very broad, rich and bright velvety-crimson-maroon margined with gold. A strikingly beautiful flower. 24 inches.

35c each—\$3.50 per Doz.

ISOLINE. A grand distinct Iris with very large flowers and strong foliage. S., lilac-pink; F., purplish old-rose, golden at the throat; beard yellow. The straight-hanging falls give the flower a long appearance. On established clumps it flowers freely on strong, well-branched stems. Among all the newer introductions it still holds its place as a distinct and worthy flower. 36 inches.

35c each—\$3.50 per doz.—\$25.00 per 100

IRIS—Continued

KING OF IRIS. S., yellow; F., maroon. 35c each—\$3.50 per doz.—\$25.00 per 100

KOCHII. A wild Iris from southern Europe, flowers a deep blackish purple—a rich coloring that is greatly admired. Blooms early. One of the best deep colored Iris. 24 inches. 25c each—\$2.50 per Doz.

LOHENGRIN. S. and F. uniform soft shade of cattleya-rosa. Very large flower. Strong grower and exceedingly free bloomer. 30 inches.

35c each—\$3.50 per Doz.

LORELY. S. of wild canary; F. creamy white with purple blended into a velvety purple near the ends which are margined with deep canary. 30 inches.

35c each—\$3.50 per Doz.

MADAME CHEREAU. S. and F. white, frilled azure blue; very free and fine for cutting. 36 inches.

20c each—\$2.00 per doz.—\$15.00 per 100

MOTHER OF PEARL. A real gem of beauty, an aristocrat among Irises. Its splendid iridescent color, its perfect form, its vigorous growth and wonderful substance have won for it recognition as one of the world's best Irises. This variety is included in every Iris collection of merit in the United States and should be in your Iris section.

Standards and falls pale bluish lavender, with a faint creamy undertone. Large flowers of perfect form and exceptional substance. The creamy undertone of this exceptional substance often assumes the luster and iridescence which we see in the beautiful lining of many sea shells which produce mother of pearl. The plant is tall, a vigorous grower and a profuse bloomer.

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PALLIDA DALMATICA. This is a type of Pallida Dalmatica and still one of the most attractive and satisfactory all around varieties, with flowers of large size; both S. and F. of a clear lavender blue shading to a pale silvery blue at the base and sweetly scented. It is of strong, vigorous growth over 3 feet high, with unusually heavy glaucous foliage.

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PERFECTION. An old Iris that still stands as one of the best of its class. S. light blue-lavender, usually irregularly flaked with deeper blue; F. brilliant, deep violet-purple, with an orange-yellow beard. 30 inches.

25c each—\$2.50 per 12

PROSPER LAUGIER. S. light bronze with a pink flush; F. velvety crimson. Warm yellow center. One of the best bronzes.

35c each—\$3.50 per Doz.

PURPLE KING. S. and F. Royal purple.

20c each—\$2.00 per Doz.

RHEIN NIXE. S. white, F. pansy violet, bordered bluish white. Growth rampant. 30 inches.

25c each—\$2.50 per Doz.

SHERWIN-WRIGHT. A vigorous and free-flowering bright golden yellow. The color is more dense and bright than most of the newer and supposedly improved varieties.

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THORBECK. A low-priced Iris that is one of the most attractive. S., clear white that never comes blotched from the color of the falls; F., deep, rich, velvety purple. Free-flowering 30 inches.

35c each—\$3.50 per Doz.

VIOLACEA GRANDIFLORA. Clear violet blue pallida.

50c each—\$5.00 per Doz.

WHITE KNIGHT. The purest of the white iris yet introduced, large flowers, very free flowering.

75c each—\$7.50 per Doz.

MIXED IRIS. Two shades of color, a deep blue and light blue. Good bloomers, flowering at the same time and are about the same height.

15c each—\$1.50 per doz.—\$10.00 per 100

SIBERIAN IRIS. The variety that we offer is deep blue, a very slender stem and small delicate flower. Very artistic. There is no Iris that will exceed this Iris in its profusion of flowering. Hundreds of flowers can be cut from a single clump.

20c each—\$2.00 per doz.—\$15.00 per 100

IRIS—Concluded

IRIS PUMILA. These are the dwarf growing varieties which are so useful as border plants where a low, compact border is wanted. The first of the Iris to bloom in the spring.

ALBA. Pure white. Blooms early in April.

VIOLACEA. Violet blue. Blooms early in April.

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HARDY PHLOX

We have a few selected varieties of this most interesting and useful hardy plant. Can furnish these in strong 1-year-old field grown plants that will bloom freely this year at 25c each except where noted; prepaid.

Mrs. Jenkins we can also furnish in large 3-year-old clumps at 50c each; prepaid.

CHAMP'S ELYSEE. A bright rosy-magenta; very effective.

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MILLY (Mrs. Milly Van Hoboken.) A gem with very large trusses of large flowers of a pink with soft mauve suffusion; 35c each.

MRS. JENKINS. The best all around pure white.

MISS LINGARD. This grand variety is one of the most popular sorts grown; color, white with a delicate pink eye. It grows about 2 feet high, and starts to bloom in May, continuing to flower until late in October.

PANTHEON. Bright carmine-rose.

RIVERTON JEWEL. A lovely mauve-rose illuminated by a brilliant carmine-red eye.

THOR. A most beautiful and lively shade of deep salmon-pink suffused and overlaid with a scarlet glow. A light, almost white, halo surrounds the aniline red eye. A very effective color and becoming more popular each season; 35c each.

BUDDLEIA—BUTTERFLY BUSH

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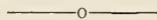
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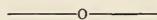
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We are distributors in the Middle West for Floranid.

Trial cans, sufficient to make 10 gallons of liquid fertilizer, prepaid 15c.
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50 lb. bags, \$12.00.

Larger quantities on application.

BONE MEAL. 10 lbs., 65c! 25 lbs., \$1.50; 50 lbs., \$2.50; 125 lb. sacks, \$5.00.
10 lbs. will be enough for about 6 plants at planting time.

CATTLE MANURE. Shredded and dried and therefore very highly concentrated, easily handled. You will find this most excellent to use on your lawns, gardens, around shrubbery and all flowering and bedding plants. Use it for your Dahlias a little stronger than instruction for sheep manure. Especially fine to use in a liquid form. 10 lbs., 50c; 25 lbs., \$1.00; 50 lbs., \$1.65; 100 lbs., \$3.00.

PULVERIZED SHEEP MANURE. 10 lbs., 50c; 25 lbs., \$1.00; 50 lbs., \$1.65;
100 lbs., \$3.00.

10 lbs. is sufficient for 6 Dahlia plants at planting time.

Any of the above fertilizers except Floranid (which needs to be used very sparingly) may be used freely when the ground is prepared in the spring and as a top dressing during the growing season, being careful to rake it in well. Would be very greatly benefited by a liberal watering immediately after applying.

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